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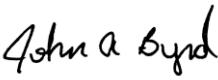
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TO: All Elected District Attorneys and Clerks of Court, Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs, Indigent Defense Services, NCADA, Director of AOC, Chief Public Defenders

FROM: Director John A. Byrd 

DATE: January 31, 2017

RE: Requirements for the handling, preservation, and storage of biological evidence

Pursuant to G.S. 15A-268, Preservation of Biological Evidence, the State Crime Laboratory has updated its evidence protocols to ensure your office is aware of the necessary requirements for the handling, preservation, and storage of biological evidence.

The *Policy and Procedure for Evidence Submissions* is maintained on the Department of Justice web site and includes pertinent information concerning the packaging and submission of evidence for all forensic disciplines. You may access the document on the Department of Justice web site at the following link: [http://ncdoj.gov/getdoc/0d2d2d94-2519-46a8-88f1-2989ef651433/Evidence-Guide-10-16-2013-\(1\).aspx](http://ncdoj.gov/getdoc/0d2d2d94-2519-46a8-88f1-2989ef651433/Evidence-Guide-10-16-2013-(1).aspx). Additionally, please consult the supplemental guidance in the attached brochure.

The full text of North Carolina General Statute § 15A-268- Preservation of Biological Evidence can be found at: <http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/statutes/statutelookup.pl?statute=15a-268>.

In accordance with the above statute and §143B-601, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) has established a facility in Raleigh for the storage of biological evidence. For information on this facility, you may contact the DPS, Law Enforcement Support Services at 919-324-6282 or Eric Shearin at 919-662-4700 ext. 228 and Eric.Shearin@ncdps.gov or Wanda Hicks at 919-324-6461 and Wanda.Hicks@ncdps.gov.

If you have questions or need additional clarification, please feel free to contact the State Crime Laboratory, Evidence Control Unit at 919-582-8840 or the Laboratory Legal Counsel at 919-582-8700.

Attachment